YOU...
...COULDN'T FIND IT?

EVEN WITH ALL OF THOSE BIRDS?
I-I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.

I'VE SUMMONED EVERY BIRD NEAR THIS SWAMP, BUT...

I-IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE MIGHT BE...

...OTHER VILLAS ASIDE FROM THE SWAMP?

OTHER VILLAS...?

THE NAKDONG RIVER IS QUITE WIDE...
...AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES FOR A VILLA TO BE...

THEN WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE. THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO LOOK THROUGH THE ENTIRE NAKDONG RIVER...
T-THAT WON'T BE

A PROBLEM!
WORD HAS ALREADY SPREAD AMONGST THE BIRDS IN THIS AREA THAT IF THEY FIND THE ORB, THE IMOOGI WILL SUPPORT THEM.
THERE'S A WHOLE CROWD OF THEM!

HEY!
OVER HERE!

SAY HELLO!

THIS IS IBIS, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE MIDDLE THIRD OF THE RIVER...
POOF
BOW
BOW
...AND THIS IS KINGFISHER, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE BOTTOM THIRD OF THE RIVER.

DETERMINED
WE'LL WORK TOGETHER TO FIND IT FOR SURE...!
WAIT, WAIT. WHAT ABOUT THE TOP THIRD?
IF YOU'RE GONNA SEARCH THE RIVER, SEARCH ALL OF IT THOROUGHLY!

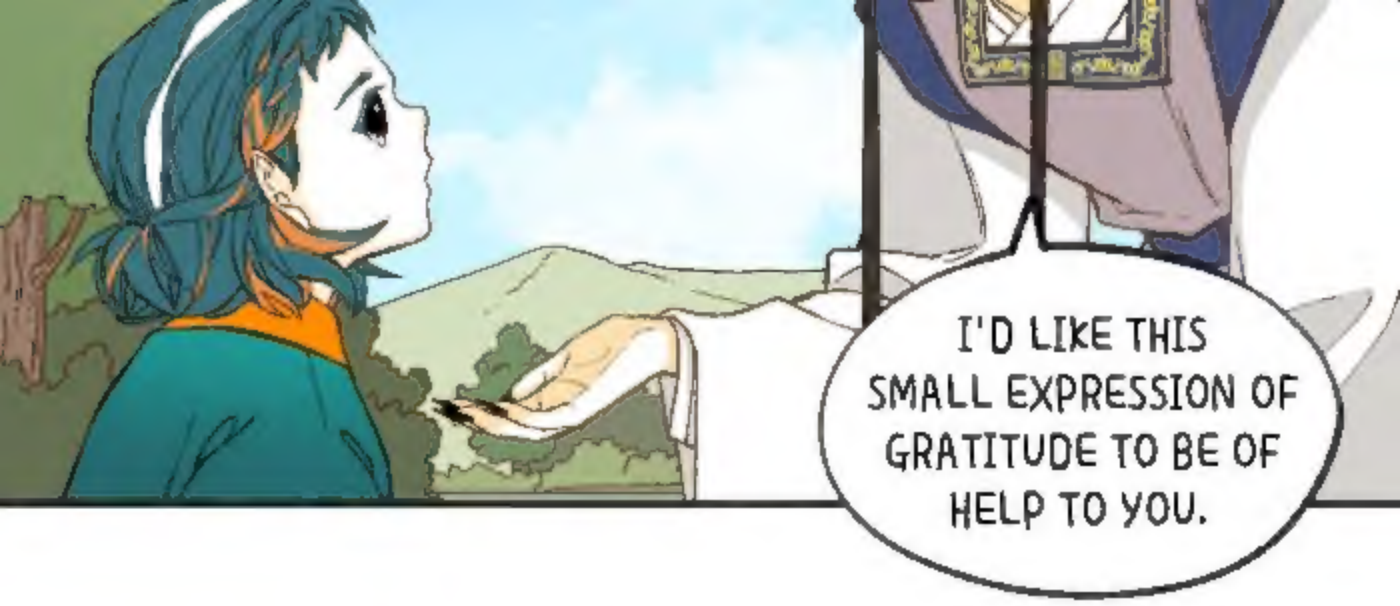
THE TOP THIRD...?
THAT AREA IS NARROW, SO THERE LIKELY ISN'T ANYWHERE A VILLA COULD BE BUILT...
...
IT WOULD BE BEST TO SEARCH THE MIDDLE AND BOTTOM THIRDS, WHERE THE CURRENT IS STRONGER...

FORGET IT.
HUH?
PARDON?

I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH.
LET'S GO, YOUNG.
STAND
W-WHERE?

AH...
UM...
DOES THAT MEAN...
...YOU DO NOT REQUIRE MY HELP ANY LONGER?
BUT MY SUPPORT

NO, YOU WERE A GREAT HELP.
THANK YOU.


I'D LIKE THIS SMALL EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO BE OF HELP TO YOU.

WOULD YOU COME WITH ME...
...AND HELP ME ONE MORE TIME?

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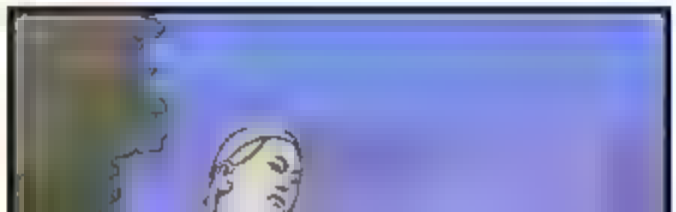
THIS IS THE PLACE...?
YUP.

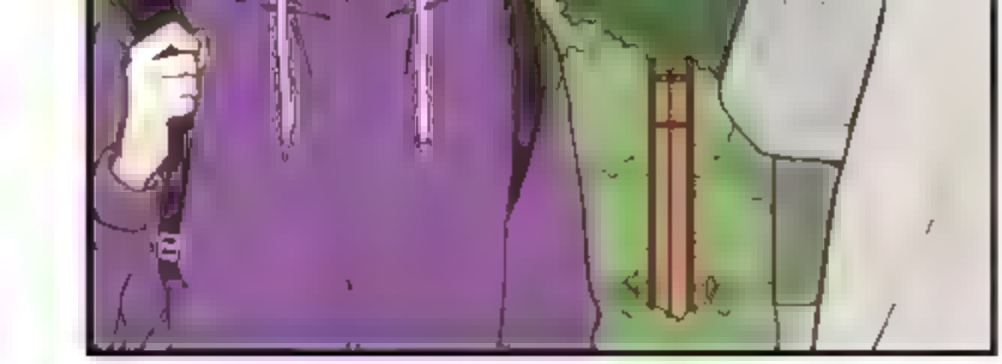
NOD

I MEAN...
I THOUGHT THAT THE ORB WOULD BE HIDDEN DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OR UNDERWATER.
2231 ft above sea level



THIS IS JUST A PARK...!
THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE HERE TOO

SO WHERE IS IT?
...?

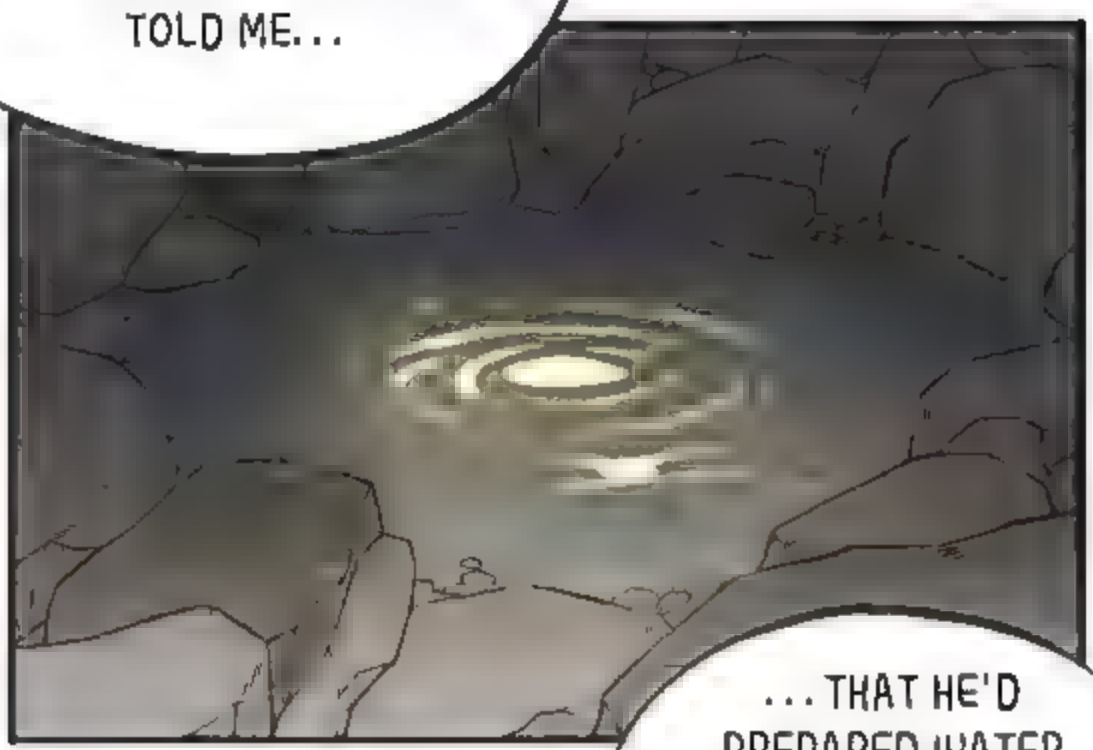


洛東江 千三百里
THE 317 MILES OF
THE NAKDONG RIVER
BEGIN HERE

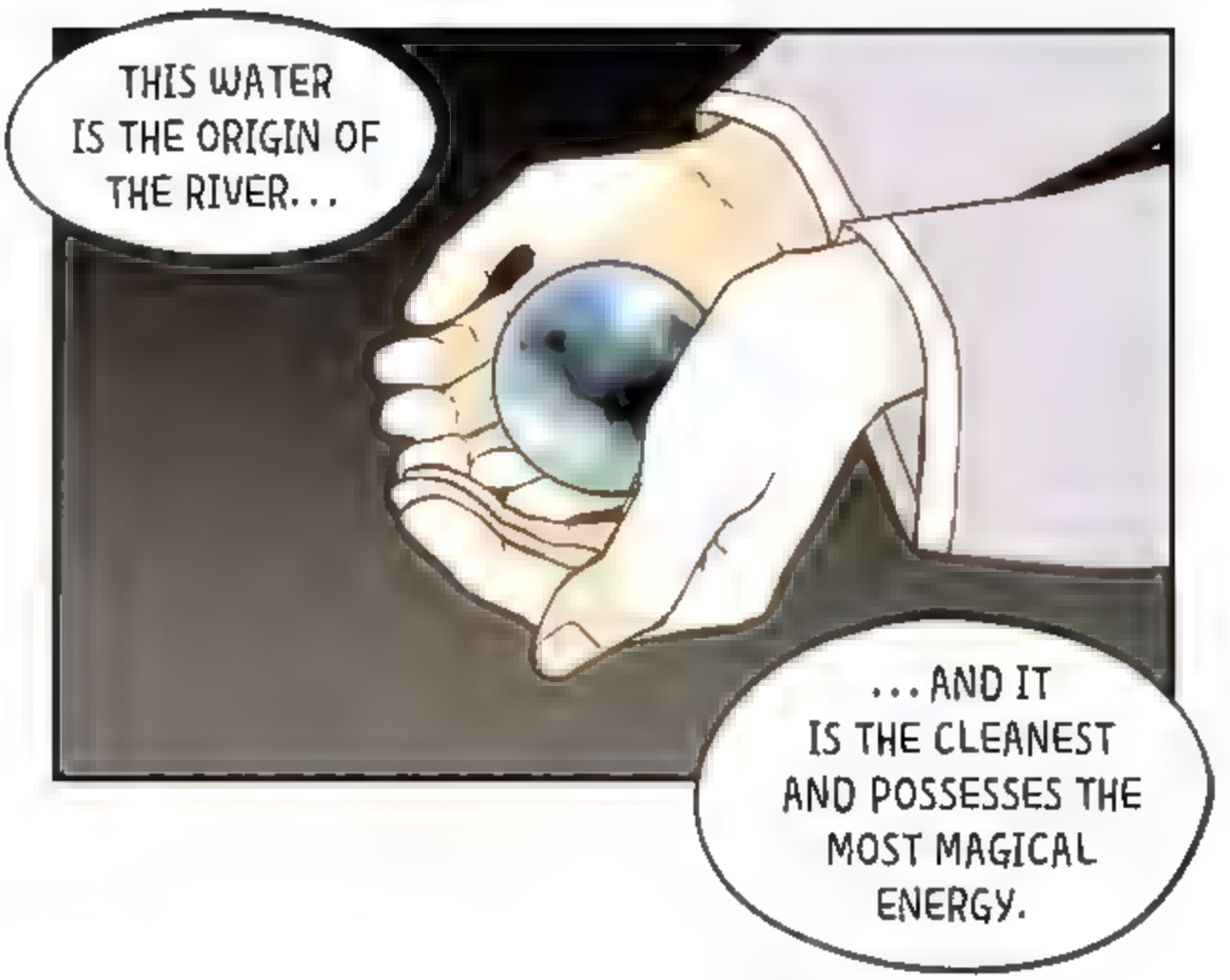
THE 317 MILES OF THE NAKDONG RIVER BEGIN HERE...
THEN THIS IS...

THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S THE SOURCE OF THE NAKDONG RIVER...
...THE HWANGJI POND.

WHEN LORD GUAHM HEALED MY HAND, HYEONEUL TOLD ME...

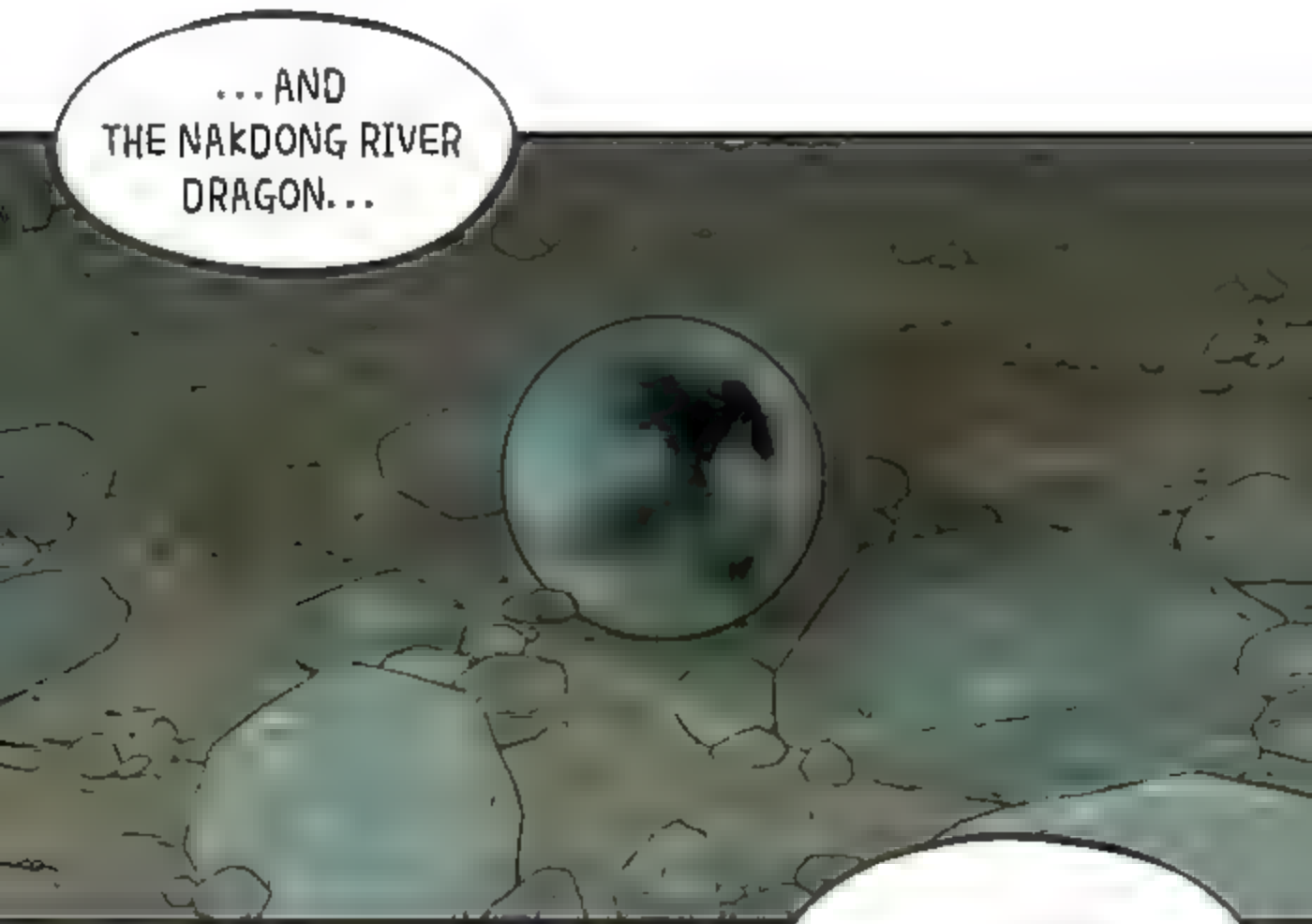


...THAT HE'D PREPARED WATER FROM THE SOURCE OF THE NAKDONG RIVER.


THIS WATER IS THE ORIGIN OF THE RIVER...
...AND IT IS THE CLEANEST AND POSSESSES THE MOST MAGICAL ENERGY.

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT THE HUMAN BROUGHT THE ORB HERE...

...TO CLEANSE IT FOR THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON?
BUT...
...HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL...



THE DRAGON AND THE HUMAN MAY

BOTH BE DEAD AND GONE...

...BUT THE ORB HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.

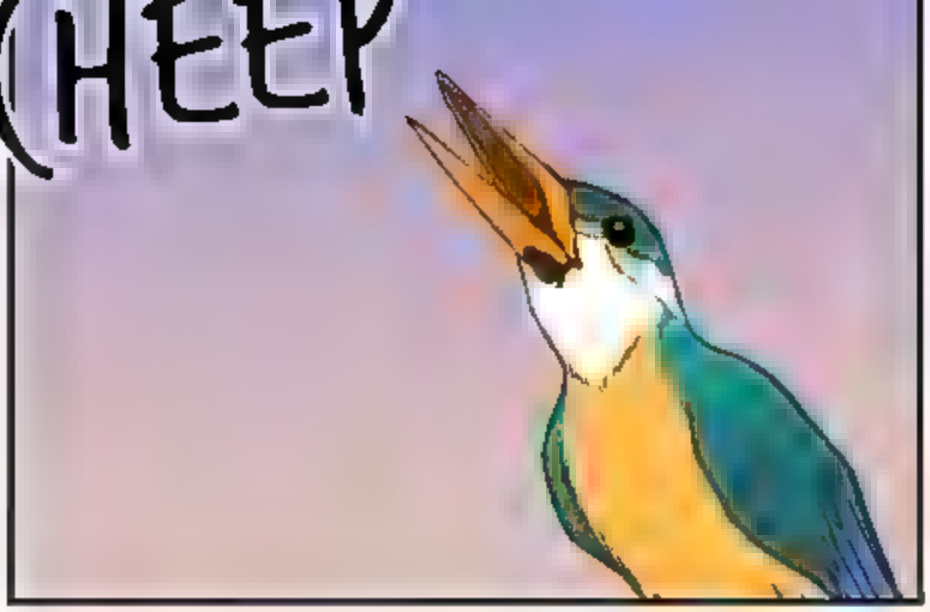
D-DOES THAT MEAN WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK NEAR THIS POND?

Hwangji Pond
TAP
TAP
Cancel

...!
HEY,
IT SAYS THAT
HWANGJI POND ISN'T
ACTUALLY ONE
POND.
HUH?
OH...

IT'S MADE UP OF THREE PONDS : UPPER, MIDDLE, AND LOWER.
SO WE HAVE TO SEARCH ALL THREE PONDS...? ∪∪
AT LEAST IT'S A SMALLER AREA THAN THE ENTIRE NAKDONG RIVER
WELL, I WAS THINKING...

. . . THAT NOW IS THE TIME. . .
. . . FOR US TO GET HELP FROM OUR FRIEND OVER HERE.

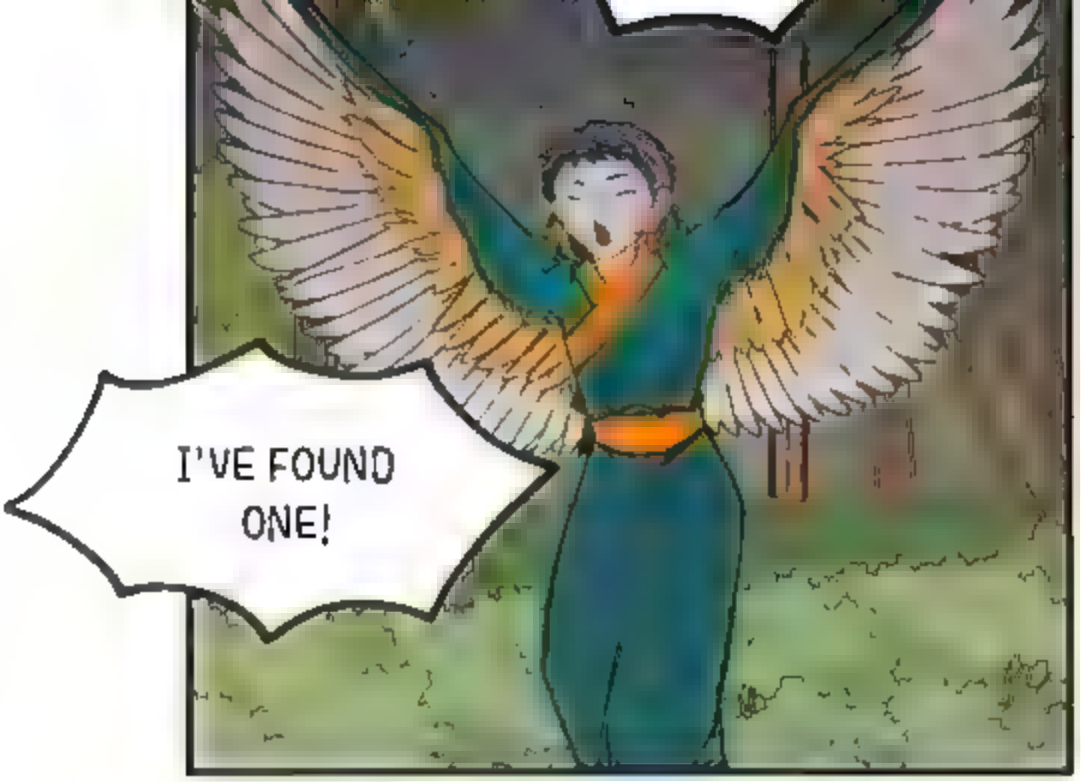

CHEEP

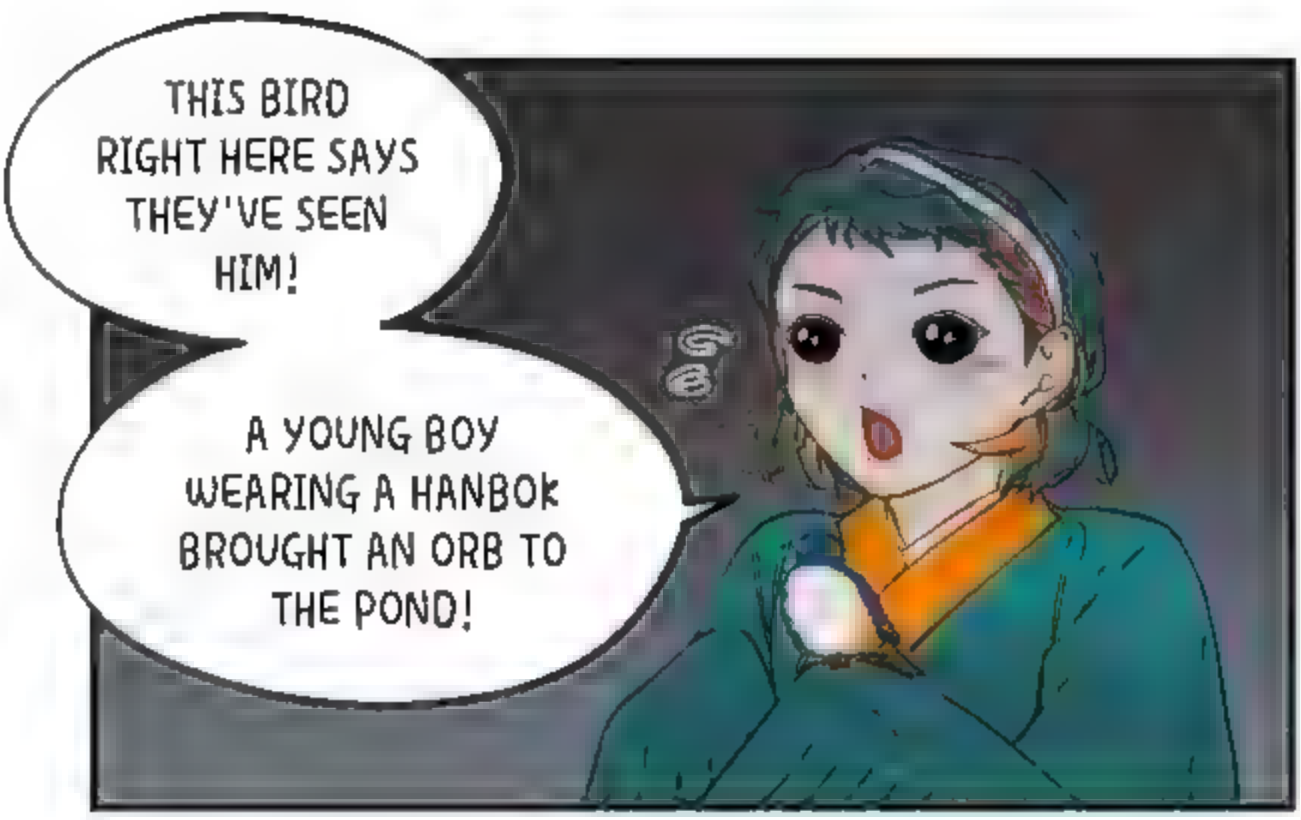
WHAT'S GOING ON?
FLUTTER

AAAH
WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE BIRDS?
FLUTTER

OUT OF ALL OF THE BIRDS WHO LIVE NEAR THIS POND...
...DON'T YOU THINK AT LEAST ONE OF THEM HAS SEEN THAT HUMAN?

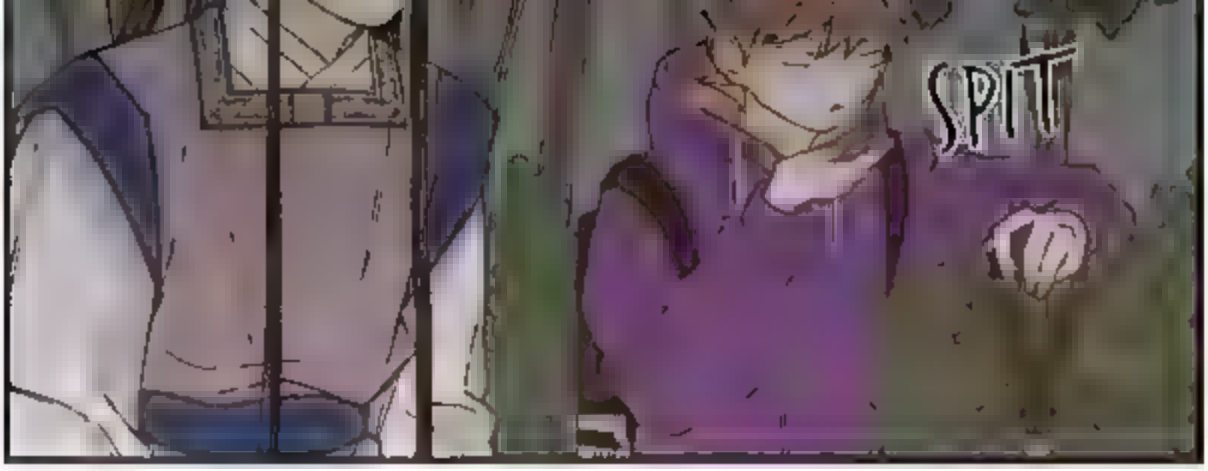
...UNTIL A WITNESS ARRIVES.

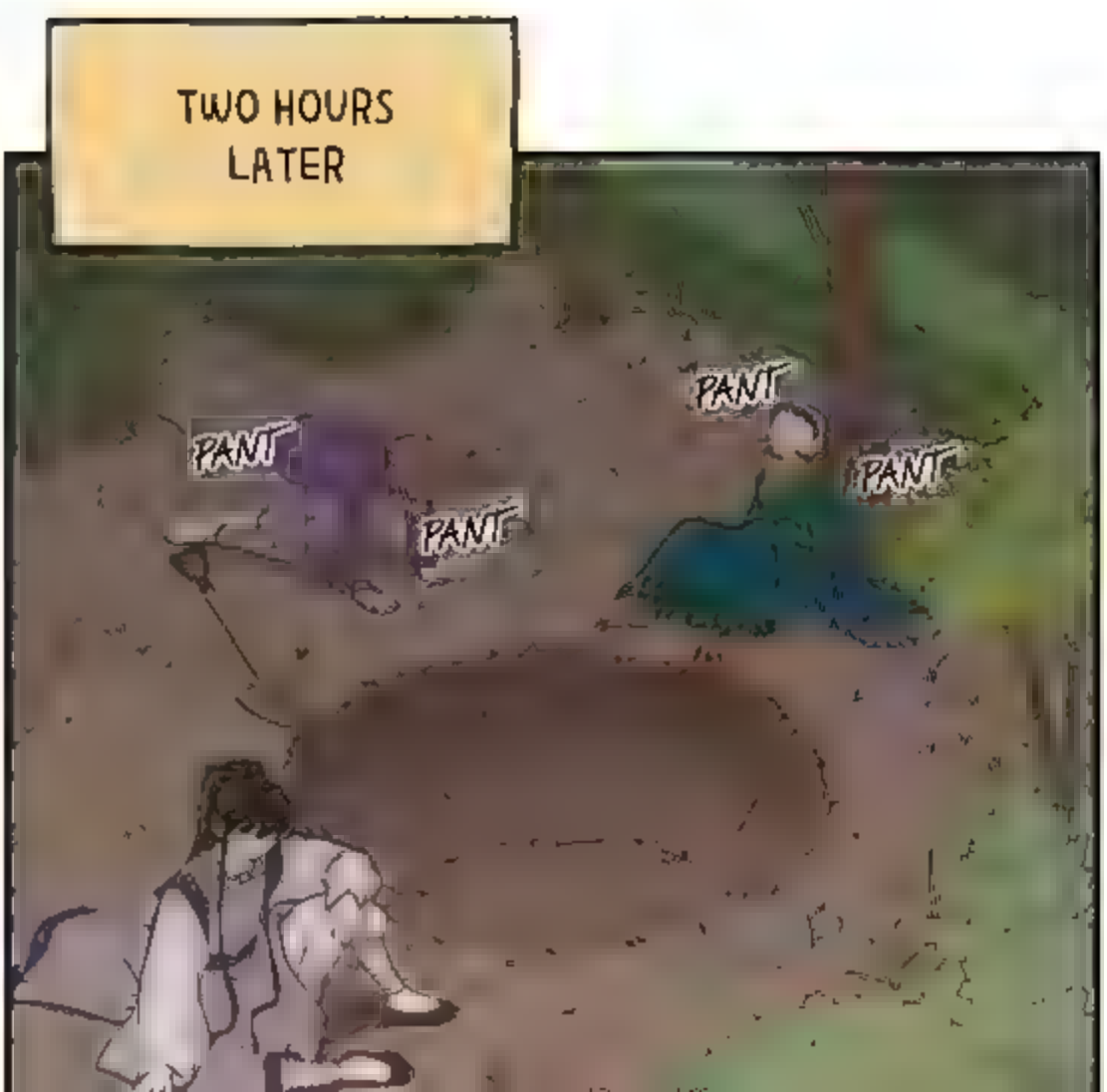

I'VE FOUND ONE!


THIS BIRD RIGHT HERE SAYS THEY'VE SEEN HIM!
A YOUNG BOY WEARING A HANBOK BROUGHT AN ORB TO THE POND!

APPARENTLY, THE BOY DIED SOON AFTER HE ARRIVED...
THIS IS WHERE HE WAS!

THIS IS WHERE HE WAS...?
ALL RIGHT, SO WE JUST HAVE TO DIG OVER HERE?


SPIT


TWO HOURS
LATER
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT

EXCUSE ME... WE'VE BEEN DIGGING FOREVER AND NOTHING'S COMING OUT...
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE?
URGH
I-I'M CERTAIN!

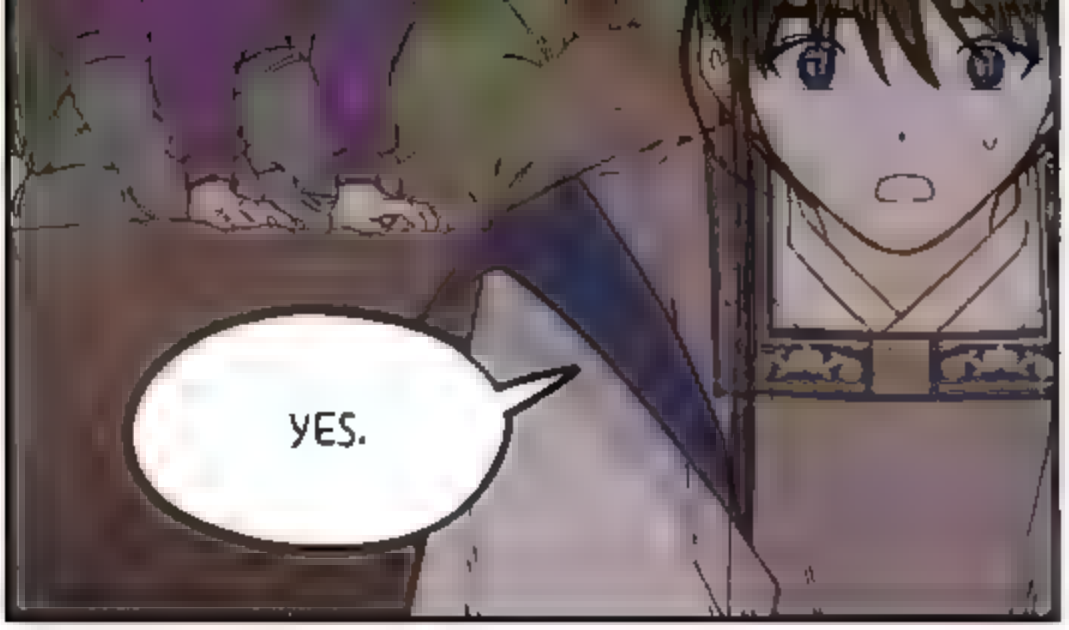
THAT BIRD SAID THAT THEY'D SEEN IT WITH THEIR OWN TWO EYES!
THEY SAW THE ORB GET LEFT BEHIND HERE...!
...

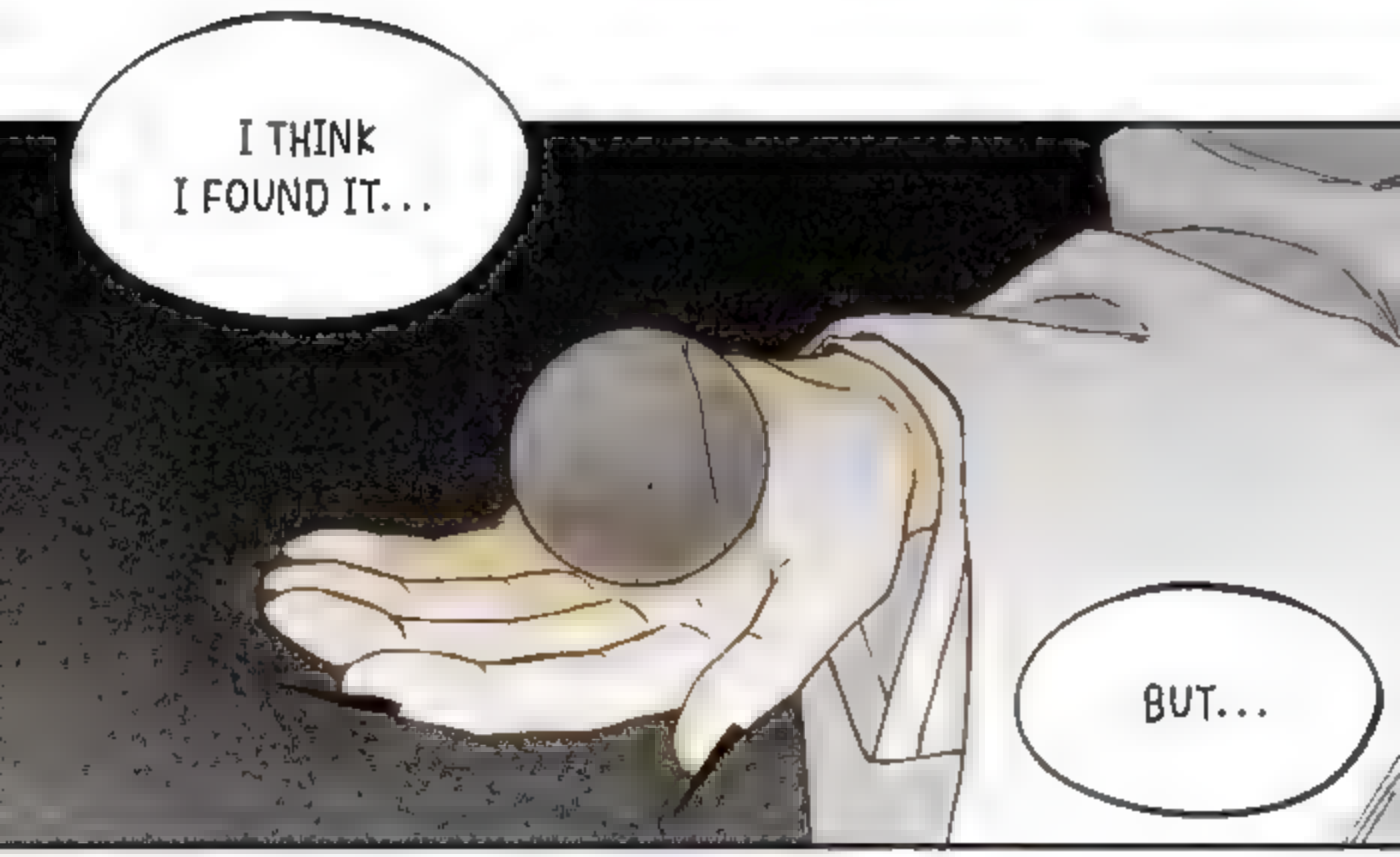
THEN HOW HAVE WE STILL NOT FOUND IT YET...?

S-SHOULD WE DIG A LITTLE BIT MORE?
HOP

DIG
DIG

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IS THERE SOMETHING THERE?


YES.


I THINK
I FOUND IT...
BUT...

T-THAT'S THE MAGICAL ORB...?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS MADE OUT OF CEMENT...

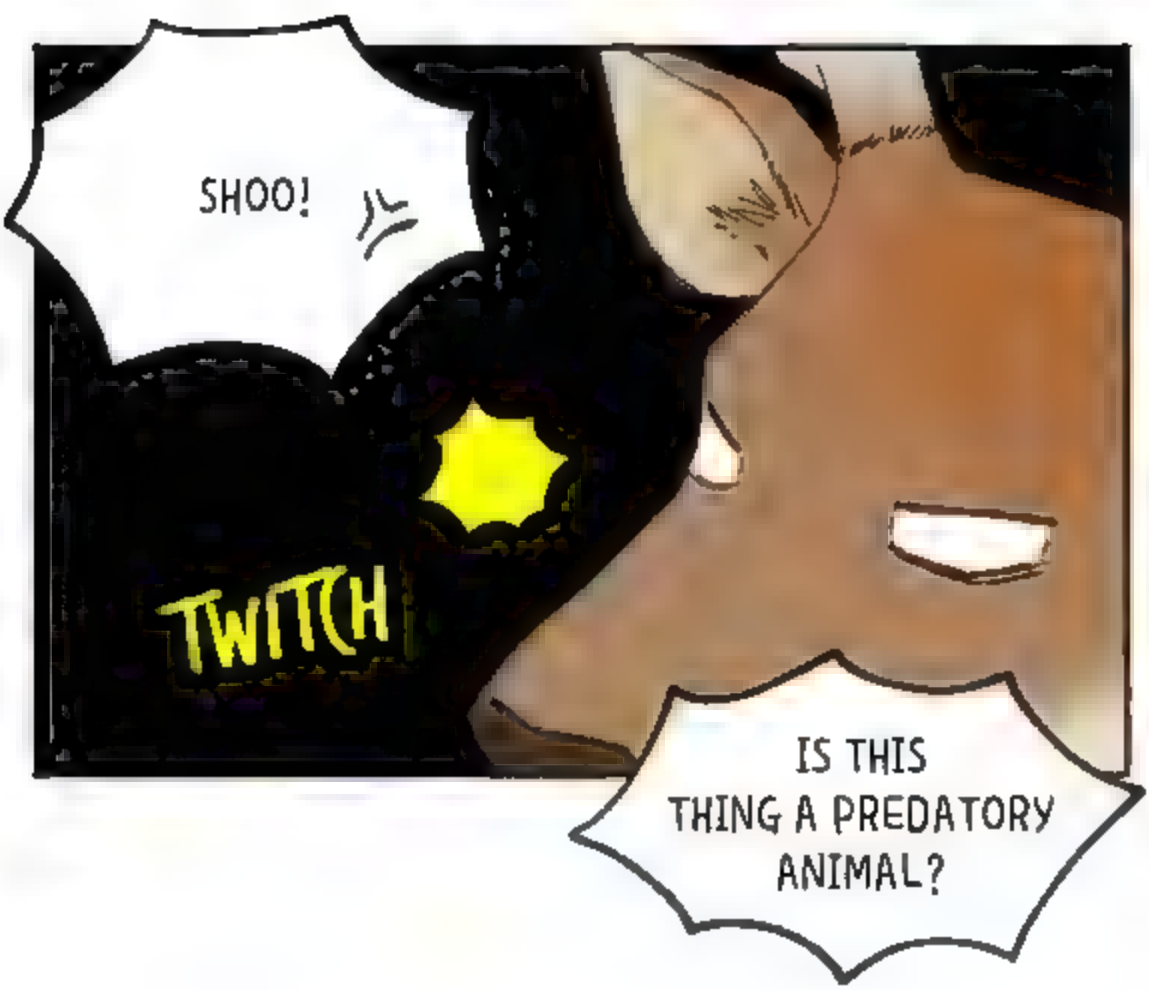
THAT FAKE ORB THAT THE IMOOGIS MADE LOOKS MORE LEGIT THAN THAT.
THIS JUST LOOKS LIKE A SMOOTH STONE, SIR.
R-RIGHT? I DON'T FEEL ANY ENERGY FROM IT EITHER...
EVEN GLASS MARBLES SHINE, BUT THIS IS JUST...
RUSTLE

HUH?

A...
WATER DEER...?
ELK?
REGULAR DEER?
HERE...?
WHY...?

GRAWK

AAH!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?


SHOO!
TWITCH
IS THIS THING A PREDATORY ANIMAL?

WHACK
AAH!
WHACK
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, ᵕ ᵕ YOU FREAKING DEER...?!

YOU MUST NOT BE AFRAID OF HUMANS...

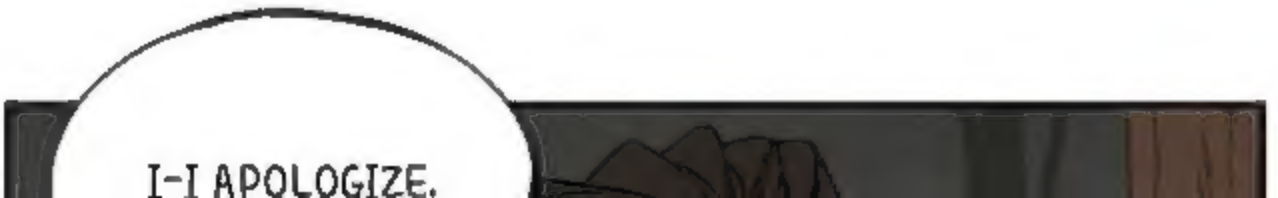
GRAB
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN IS NOTHING TO LAUGH AT!

HEY!
COME HELP ME!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THIS THING IS STRONG...!

BOW
HUH...?

W-WHY ARE YOU TWO DOING THAT?
IS THIS SPECIES A NATURAL TREASURE OR SOMETHING?


I-I APOLOGIZE.

I FORGOT TO OFFER MY GREETINGS TO YOU BECAUSE I WAS IN SUCH A HURRY.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU DISFIGURED MY LAND WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

AND NOW
THIS HUMAN IS
GRABBING ONTO
MY HEAD.

OH...
TURN
R-RIGHT...
WE'RE IN
MOUNT TAEBAEK...

Y-YOU MUST BE...
...THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT OF MOUNT TAEBAEK...
LET GO OF ME.